

Among its many achievements, Serbian National University established an endowment fund at The Ohio State University's Hilander Room, which provides an environment for students to advance the language, heritage, and traditions of the Serbian people. In addition, the University supports the Serbian Orthodox Church, Cleveland Institute of Music and similar schools in Serbia.

The Serbian National University is dedicated to and inspired by the works and achievements of Vuk Stefanovic Karadzich. During the 18th and 19th Century, Vuk Karadzich founded the modern Serbian language and developed the Serbian Cyrillic alphabet. Vuk Karadzich received a degree of Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Jena, Germany and was knighted by the country of Russia. One of the many legacies of Vuk Karadzich that the Serbian National University carries on today is the mission of bridging the gap between Serbian and American cultures.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the Serbian National University "Vuk Stefanovic Karadzich" for all the amazing contributions they have made to the advancement of Serbian and American culture. May the good work that they have done endure into the future.

#### TRIBUTE TO MERV GRIFFIN

#### HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 19, 2007*

Mr. BERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a truly outstanding gentleman, Merv Griffin. Merv is a distinguished entertainer and business entrepreneur, as well as a man who is deeply committed to helping others.

Merv is a special friend of the Louis Warschaw Prostate Cancer Center and gives generously of his time and energy to fight this disease. As a prostate cancer survivor, he is deeply aware of the importance of medical research being done by the Center which was established by the Warschaw Family at Cedar Sinai Medical Center in memory of Louis, their beloved husband and father.

Merv is one of the world's great performers. He began his distinguished career as a singer at 19, and shortly thereafter formed his own record label, Panda Records. His self-released album "Songs by Merv Griffin" was the first American album recorded on magnetic tape. Freddy Martin, impressed with Merv's talent, asked him to tour with his orchestra. Four years later, Merv started as a solo performer, scoring a number one hit with "I've Got a Lovely Bunch of Coconuts."

In 1958 Merv launched his brilliant television career as host of the game shows "Play your Hunch" and "Keep Talking." In 1963, he hosted and produced "Word for Word." The following year, he produced the incredibly successful "Jeopardy" and followed that with "Wheel of Fortune." These two shows established Merv as a television legend.

Merv was also much admired and respected as a television talk show host. Among his most interesting and controversial guests were journalists Adele Rogers St. John, futurist Buckminster Fuller, writer Norman Mailer, and philosopher Bertrand Russell.

In addition to his show business success, Merv is a real estate magnate with prestigious

properties in Beverly Hills, Palm Springs, Atlantic City and Scottsdale. He raises thoroughbred racehorses on his ranch in Carmel, CA and owns St. Clerans Manor, an 18th century estate, near Galway, Ireland.

In 2001, Merv returned to singing with the release of the album "It's Like a Dream," and this year his production company began pre-production on a new syndicated game show, "Let's Play Crossword," which is expected to air in September.

I am proud to ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Merv Griffin for his lifetime of extraordinary accomplishments, and in expressing our appreciation for his support of the Louis Warschaw Prostate Cancer Center.

#### HONORING MICHAEL HOWE

#### HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 19, 2007*

Ms. LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary career of Michael Howe. Mike served as the president of the East Bay Community Foundation (EBCF) in Oakland from 1993 until 2006. Throughout his career, Mike has been known for his tireless work on behalf of the East Bay community. This year Mike, who currently serves as the EBCF president emeritus, celebrates his retirement after more than a decade of unparalleled service to that organization, and many more to the 9th Congressional District.

Mike holds a B.A. in sociology from the University of San Francisco, as well as an M.A. and an ABD in sociology from the University of California, Davis. Before joining the EBCF, Mike was the senior planning and evaluation officer for the Marin Community Foundation from 1986 until 1993. Prior to that, he was a professor of Sociology and founding dean of the College of Professional Studies at the University of San Francisco, where he was also tenured as an associate professor.

Mike came to the East Bay Community Foundation in 1993. Under his leadership, the EBCF evolved from a small grant-making organization into one of the top 50 community foundations in the country. Mike's work was central to the EBCF's transformation into an organization that is known for leading change-making initiatives that successfully solve community problems. Working with government agencies, non-profit organizations, business leaders and civic groups, Mike has sought to improve after-school programs for youth; prevent street crime and violence; provide arts education; enhance land-use planning to incorporate features for sustainable communities; and expand community philanthropy. Mike has attracted new expertise and funding to the EBCF, which now makes grants to more than 1,000 non-profit organizations, primarily in the East Bay. His efforts have made the EBCF a world-class institution for community leadership and social change, and have touched countless lives here in the 9th congressional District and beyond.

In addition to his stellar work leading the EBCF, Mike has been and continues to be heavily involved in a number of other boards and organizations here in the Bay Area. He serves on the boards of organizations such as the Institute for Community Peace; Northern

California Grantmakers; the John Gardener Center at Stanford University, the Coalition of Community Foundations for Youth; and the Richmond Children's Foundation.

Today the friends, family and colleagues of Mike Howe have come together to celebrate not only his retirement, but also his legacy of service, and his permanent and positive impact on our community. On this very special day, I join all of them in thanking and saluting Mike for his profound contributions to California's 9th Congressional district, our country and our world.

#### IN HONOR OF THE ARC OF WARREN COUNTY'S NEWEST SERVICE TO NORTHWEST NEW JERSEY'S DISABLED COMMUNITY

#### HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 19, 2007*

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, today, the Arc of Warren County, New Jersey will break ground on their newest group home at Camp Warren. The Arc has long presented a wide array of services to individuals with developmental disabilities throughout this corner of Northwest New Jersey. They are now expanding into residential services with this barrier-free home for six adults, which they hope to have open by the end of the year.

The Arc of Warren County was founded more than 50 years ago by parents, educators, and others who wanted to meet the needs of children with developmental disabilities in a comprehensive way. It is part of a national network that serves more than 3 million people across the country every year. The more than 1,000 people that the Warren County chapter serves each year receive quality services ranging from residential to recreation to advocacy.

Arc staff and volunteers not only help the disabled individuals, but also their families. And, in the process, they provide a great service to the community at large. The Arc helps these individuals live more self-sufficiently and blend seamlessly into the community around them. And, the tremendous support they get from people of all walks of life throughout Warren County speaks volumes as to their success.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

#### HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 19, 2007*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding achievement of the University of North Texas basketball team on defeating Arkansas State University, by a score of 83-75, to win the school's first ever Sunbelt Conference title.

The Mean Green's 23 wins this season are the most in team history. Furthermore, this most recent win clinched North Texas a spot in the prestigious NCAA Tournament for the first time since the 1987-88 season.